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**Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal**

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 Application No.: 09/678580  
 Filed: October 3, 2000  
 Title: FIBROUS FILTRATION FACE MASK HAVING A NEW UNIDIRECTIONAL FLUID VALVE

Group Art Unit: 3743  
 Examiner: Aaron J. Lewis

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

**1. Submission required under 37 CFR § 1.114**

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR § 1.116 previously filed on (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appcal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
- iii. ☐ Other
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/Supplemental IDS (Moldex 2300 Mask and Moldex Prior Art Statement sent by mail)
- iv. ☐ Other
2. ☐ A Request for Extension of Time is being filed concurrently
3. **Fees** (The RCE fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.)
- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees or credit any overpayments to: Deposit Account No. 13-3723. A duplicate copy of this letter for fees processing is enclosed.
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR § 1.17(e)
- ii. ☐ Other

Respectfully submitted,

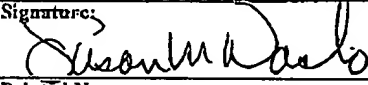
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